GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has joined Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the line adopted by the Government to work out a common strategy for combating terrorism at SCO platform?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) Yes.

(b) India was admitted as a Full Member of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on 9th June 2017 during SCO Heads of State Summit in Astana, Kazakhstan. India has joined the SCO to secure peace, progress and prosperity for the region as also to create new opportunities for economic engagement.

(c) SCO comprises of two regional bodies − SCO Secretariat and SCO-RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure). SCO-RATS deals with counter terrorism and promotes interaction among the security agencies of the region. All the Member States work towards combating terrorism by eliminating infrastructure and ending the support structure financing terrorism.